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Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Examiner	Art Unit					
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address							
THE REPLY FILED <u>26 May 2006</u> FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.							
1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:							
The period for reply expiresmonths from the mailing date of the final rejection. The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no							
event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). NOTICE OF APPEAL							
2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).							
AMENDMENTS 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because							
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further co (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in bel appeal; and/or (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.1 	nsideration and/or search (see NOw); w); ter form for appeal by materially re corresponding number of finally re	TE below); educing or simplifying the issues for					
4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1		ompliant Amendment (PTOL-324).					
5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s		,					
6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).							
7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 57,58,60 and 62-65. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:		ill be entered and an explanation of					
AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE							
 The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, be because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e). 	ut before or on the date of filing a N d sufficient reasons why the affida	Notice of Appeal will <u>not</u> be entered vit or other evidence is necessary					
9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to o showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar. 10. The affidavit or other evidence failed to other evidence failed to other evidence.	overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appe y and was not earlier presented. S	al and/or appellant fails to provide a See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).					
10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER							
The request for reconsideration has been considered bu <u>See Continuation Sheet.</u>	t does NOT place the application i	n condition for allowance because:					
12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). 13. Other:	(PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper	Gregory R. Del Cotto Primary Examiner Art Unit: 1751					

Continuation Sheet (PTOL-303)

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Continuation of 3. NOTE: Applicant's newly submitted amendment raises issues not previously presented at the time of the final rejection which would require further consideration and or search. Specifically, for example, claim 57 now recites the limitations "xanthan" gum and "laponite" as the synthetic clay which were not previously presented and would require further consideration and/or search

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments are not sufficient to overcome the rejection(s) as set forth in the Office action mailed 4/6/06 which have been maintained for the reasons of record.